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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Docket To propose a
Maximum Rate Tariff
for The Moving Industry
in the State of S.C.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

TRANSPORTATION COVER SHEET

DOCKET

NUMBER: 2007-421-I

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RE: Docket #2007-421-T

Dear Commissioner Fleming,

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The office of Regulatory for the state of S.C. has issued a proposal to adopt a maximum rate tariff system for the household goods industry in S.C. In light of the fact that the ORS did not ask for input from the movers of the state prior to issuing the docket, I ask that you will take into consideration my thoughts on this proposal.


The goal of the moving industry in S.C. has been to consistently provide superior levels of service to our customers at a fair price. Because the movers in this state have been able to concentrate more on service than price, due to a regulated tariff, we have in large part been able to meet our goal of consistency and superior service. This statement is strengthened when comparing the movers in S.C. to other movers in states using the max rate tariff system or who are fully deregulated. If a mover in the state of S.C. does not wish to be a part of the regulated tariff, the mover may file a separate tariff, thus promoting the free market system. The regulated tariff in S.C. has always been overseen by the PSC with changes to the tariff occurring only after extensive cost studies presented to and accepted by the PSC.

I feel a max tariff in this state will ultimately prove to be a detriment to the consumers down the road. While a max tariff may drop prices early on, the trickle down will be movers finding they can not operate at the prices being demanded, thus causing a deterioration within the industry in areas such as: consistency in service, claims paybacks, insurance coverage's, equipment and quality labor. A max rate tariff would be especially taxing on the smaller movers. I also feel that customers in the less populated areas will run into problems finding a mover to service them or wind up paying exorbitant prices to get moved because of their location.

Regulation equals consistency and a healthy moving industry is able to provide consistent high level service at a fair price, thus producing a satisfied customer. I don't understand the reasoning behind changing a system that has proven to have worked beneficially for both the moving industry and the consumer at the same time.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to give this letter some thought.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Turrentine III".

Bill Turrentine III
Vice President Smith Dray Line Moving & Storage
President S.C. Tariff Bureau